#### UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS AUSTIN DIVISION

IN RE:

\$ CHAPTER 11

\$ CRESCENT RESOURCES, LLC, et al.,
Debtors.

\$ CASE NO. 09-11507-CAG
Jointly Administered

# APPLICATION OF OFFICIAL UNSECURED CREDITORS' COMMITTEE FOR EMPLOYMENT OF FINANCIAL ADVISORS

The Official Unsecured Creditors' Committee of Crescent Resources, LLC, et al. (the "Committee") applies to the Court to allow the employment of Unique Strategies Group, Inc. to represent it in this case effective July 30, 2009, and in support thereof would show as follows:

- 1. This Chapter 11 bankruptcy was filed on June 10, 2009.
- 2. The United States Trustee appointed the members of the Committee, and the Committee selected Robert L. "Rob" Shults, Jr., Honours Golf, as its Chair.
- 3. The Committee desires to employ the firm of Unique Strategies Group, Inc. ("the Firm"), 5800 Tom Wooten Drive, Austin, TX 78731, Telephone No. (512) 529-7600, to serve as its counsel in this case.
- 4. This firm has been selected by the Committee because the financial advisors in the Firm are knowledgeable and experienced in the business of the Debtors and the bankruptcy process, as well as other areas of commercial enterprises and business transactions.
- 5. The professional services to be rendered and the proposed arrangement for compensation are set forth in the Engagement Letter attached hereto as *Exhibit A*. The Firm's customary fees and expenses incurred in connection with this representation are to be paid by the bankruptcy estate.
- 6. The proposed arrangement of compensation is as follows: such applicant financial advisors will apply to the Court for compensation pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2016, and under the terms of the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals' ruling in the case In Re First Colonial Corporation of America, 544 F.2d 1291 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1979) and other applicable case law, except as may be modified by the Court pursuant to the pending Debtors' Motion Pursuant to Section 105(a) and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 2016(a) for Authorization to Establish Procedures for Interim Monthly Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals (Doc. No. 144).
- 7. The hourly rates to be charged by the personnel of the Firm who will be working on this case are at this time as follows:

Dan Bensimon		\$300.00
Beth Whatley		\$250.00
Staff Analysts	,	\$150.00

Such hourly rates may be raised in the future, subject to approval of the Court as being reasonable under the procedures set out in Paragraph 6.

8. Other professionals in the same profession who have been hired by the bankruptcy estate are as follows:

Alvarez & Marsal North America, LLC Lazard Frères & Company LLC

- 9. To the best of the Committee's knowledge, these financial advisors have no interest adverse to the unsecured creditors on any of the matters upon which they are to be engaged, and their employment would be in the best interest of this estate. Applicant has provided an affidavit detailing any prior involvement of the Firm with interested parties, if any.
- 10. The Firm respectfully requests that this Application be considered on the next regularly scheduled hearing date set in this case.
- 11. A copy of this Application has been provided to the Debtor, the Debtor's attorney, the United States Trustee, and the parties on the Master Service List. In light of the relief requested in this Application, the Applicant requests that no further notice need be provided.

WHEREFORE, the Unsecured Creditors' Committee requests an order of the Court allowing the retention of Unique Strategies Group, Inc. as financial advisors for the Unsecured Creditors' Committee herein upon the terms described in this application and for such other relief as is just.

Respectfully submitted,

UNSEÇURED CREDITORS' COMMIT LEE

By:

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I, Dan Bensimon, of Unique Strategies Group, Inc. state on oath as follows:

- 1. I am the president and chief executive Officer of Unique Strategies Group, Inc.
- 2. The firm of Unique Strategies Group, Inc. ("the Firm") maintains an office at 5810 Tom Wooten Drive, Austin, TX 78731, Telephone No. (512) 529-7600.
- 3. The Firm has no connection with the above named Debtors, their creditors, the Unsecured Creditors' Committee, any other party in interest herein, their respective attorneys and accountants, the U. S. Trustee, or any person employed in the office of the U. S. Trustee, except as set forth in Paragraph 5 below, if any.
- 4. I have reviewed the list of creditors herein, and to the best of my knowledge the Firm and I represent no interest adverse to the Unsecured Creditors' Committee herein in the matters upon which the Firm is to be engaged.

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By:

Dan Bensimon

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this  $31^{5+}$ 

day of July, 2009.

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing *Application of Official Unsecured Creditors' Committee for Employment of Financial Advisors* was sent by first class mail, postage prepaid, to the following on the 3rd day of August, 2009:

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and to the creditors and parties in interest listed on the attached Master Service List.

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